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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER SOONEST:

DEAR HANS:

AT OUR QUADRIPARTITE MEETING IN PARIS WE REVIEWED THE
NEGOTIATING STATUS OF THE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURE ON
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MANEUVERS. IN ASSESSING
WHICH ASPECT OF THE MEASURE IS MOST IMPORTANT TO WESTERN
INTERESTS, WE REACHED A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT IT WOULD
BE MOST IMPORTANT TO HAVE DEPTH OF TERRITORY INCREASED
AND THAT THE NUMBER OF TROOPS INVOLVED AND THE NUMBER OF
DAYS' NOTICE WOULD BE BY COMPARISON OF SECONDARY

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IMPORTANCE.

SINCE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, I HAVE LEARNED FROM THE SOVIETS THAT THEY ARE NOW PREPARED TO CONSIDER A ZONE OF 250 KILOMETERS IN DEPTH PROVIDING THAT THE OTHER PARAMETERS REMAIN AT 18 DAYS AND 30,000 MEN. IT IS MY IMPRESSION

THAT THIS REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT CONCESSION AND ADEQUATELY MEETS ALLIED REQUIREMENTS.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL AND IF YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT IT PROVIDES A BASIS FOR SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE THAT YOU WILL SO NOTIFY YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA.

I AM ALSO SENDING THIS MESSAGE TO OUR BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER KISSINGER

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